

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (canceled)
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4. (previously presented) A connecting element for an electric motor, in particular for an electric motor of a fuel feed unit of a motor vehicle having at least one connecting contact for connecting the electric motor to a power source, and having two carbon brushes of the electric motor comprising a fabricated component constructed of sheet metal or electrically conductive plastic, wherein the component defines a single unit for holding the carbon brushes and wherein the component includes connecting contacts that are fabricated integrally therewith; and a clip mounted on the fabricated component for clamping connecting lines of electronic components and the carbon brushes.
5. (previously presented) The connecting element as defined in claim 4, wherein the clip is embodied as a plastically deformable tongue which is fabricated in one piece with the sheet metal of the fabricated component.
6. (previously presented) The connecting element as defined in claim 4, wherein the fabricated component has a securing element for supporting a spring element which prestresses the carbon brush.
7. (previously presented) The connecting element as defined in claim 6, wherein the spring element is embodied as a torsion spring.

8. (previously presented) The connecting element as defined in claim 4, wherein two structural units of the fabricated components each with one of the connecting contacts of the electric motor are interconnected by a capacitor.

9. (canceled)

10. (previously presented) The connecting element as defined in claim 4, wherein the fabricated component has latching means for attachment in a mounting receptacle.